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**EXTREMISTS ATTACK BRITISH
HQS. IN TEL-AVIV**
Troops, Terrorists Battle For 70 Minutes

**Seven Concerted
Assaults**

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.
Four Jews and one British soldier were killed and 50 Britons, Arabs and Jews were wounded as extremists attacked the British headquarters in Tel-Aviv yesterday, set oil tanks ablaze and carried out seven other concerted assaults in Jerusalem and along the coast.

The chief target was Citrus House, British headquarters for the all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv, where electricity was cut. Reinforced troops and the Jewish underground terrorists battled in moonlit streets for 70 minutes before the extremists withdrew.

Four Jews were killed, including a young girl who was one of the assault forces, and at least 15 British soldiers were wounded and more than 20 Jews seriously wounded.

Meanwhile, hundreds of refugees from the illegal immigrant ship "Ben-Ami" were transferred today to the British deportation vessels, "Empire Rest" and "Empire Sherida" for Cyprus, where they were expected to arrive tonight.

**Gang War
May Mean
Guns**

London, Mar. 8.
There is a restless shifting of small time racketeers under way in London's bright lights district—the West End—and Scotland Yard is preparing for an outbreak of gang warfare on a far larger and grimmer scale than the prewar razor slashings and beatings that characterised the "protection rump."

The Yaku is afraid that gang warfare this time may mean guns. Most racketeers were in the forces during the war and acquired the habit of using weapons. Already there have been threats of shootouts but most of the damage thus far has been done by the inevitable razor or "cosh" blackmail. Brass knuckles are also in action.

When the battle is joined—and there have been a few skirmishes in night clubs and restaurants already—it will be for control of the Black Market, for the profitable street barrow trade in fruit, but mostly for the rights to "protect" night clubs and book-makers at the tracks.

"Golden Bucket"
At the tracks, racketeers pass around what is known as "the Golden Bucket." From this the bookmaker lifts the sponge to swab his blackboard clean for the new prices. In return for this service, he must drop a sum of money into the bucket. Night clubs which deny that they need protection have windows broken, guests intimidated or other violence done.

Two of the toughest gangs go under the names of "King's Cross" and "Aldgate." But they are drawn to the West End by the better chance of loot. One of the worrying factors to police is the offshoots of the current gangs. Recently, they selected one of the best known and biggest public restaurants in the West End, directly on Piccadilly, for a battle with chairs and bottles.

The authorities confiscated 600 certificates held by the passengers which were issued on February 22 by the National Committee of Liberation. They read:—

"Hebrew Republic"

"This certifies that the holder is a citizen of the Hebrew Republic which will be formed in Palestine and will take its place among the nations of the world. This Committee appeals to civilised nations to give the holder all assistance as a Hebrew citizen."

The certificates were signed by "Director of the Department of Immigration." The refugees came from Italy and France.—United Press.

Raging Fires

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.
Raging fires ignited by explosives and gunfire burned in the city in the wake of the battle between the soldiers and a terrorist band which attacked the Saron military camp and Citrus House.

Two armoured cars were blown up at Citrus House. The Government announced officially that the Tel-Aviv attack was staged simultaneously with a terrorist raid on Jaffa's police station, which came under intensive fire.

Mortar Fire

A detachment of troops in Jaffa, a few miles South of Tel-Aviv, were under mortar fire in another section of the city. Three small buildings and petrol filling stations were touched off during the Tel-Aviv assault, and continued to burn long after most of the attackers were beaten off.

The terrorists bearded both Tel-Aviv establishments with machine-guns, hand grenades and electrically detonated petrol bombs. The night attacks climaxed the bloodiest violence since the British clamped sections of the Holy Land under a tight martial law a week ago.—Associated Press.

**Britain £75,000,000
Out Of Pocket**

London, Mar. 9.
Great Britain's February coal and power crisis left the nation at least £75,000,000 out of pocket.

This figure includes a positive loss of £50,000,000—an estimate which a top-level Government economist said was "probably low"—plus £25,000,000 in estimated losses to industries for which figures are not yet available.

The losses cover only the storm-swept three weeks beginning Feb. 8 during which British industry was forced to shut down because of shortages of coal and power. The industrial cost of this week's blizzard has not been calculated.

Here are some of the known major February losses: Motor output, £10,000,000; wages, £10,000,000; machine tool and machine parts, £5,000,000; electrical equipment, £5,000,000; steel and iron, £5,000,000; cotton, £5,000,000.

**V-2 SOARS TO
96 MILES**

White Sands, New Mexico, Mar. 8.
The south V-2 German rocket fired here on Friday reached an altitude of 96 miles. The experiment was declared a scientific success because all important instruments and their recordings carried in it had been found 35 miles from the scene of its firing.

The rocket carried enough fuel to burn for 65 seconds but momentum carried it to within eight miles of the previous 104 miles record.—United Press.

**More Riots
In Formosa**

Taipei, Mar. 10.
Martial law has been declared in this city and in the northern part of Keelung since early this morning following the resumption of riots by extremist Taiwanese youths throughout last night.

Many Government organisations, including the Provincial Headquarters, the Garrison Command Headquarters and the Naval Headquarters, as well as police stations and hospitals, were attacked.

Machine-gun and rifle fire as well as explosions of hand-grenades were audible in Taipei and Keelung throughout last night and this morning.

After a few days' lull, riots broke out in Taipei at 2 p.m. yesterday when a large number of Taiwanese youths attacked the city's Garrison Command Headquarters with machine-guns, rifles and hand-grenades.

At 10 p.m. last night, another group of Taiwanese youths, armed with machine-guns, rifles and hand-grenades, stormed the Naval Headquarters while other Taiwanese bands simultaneously attacked the Military Hospital, Police stations, Government warehouses and the Provincial Headquarters with similar weapons. The attacks continued for more than one hour.—Central News.

Washington, Mar. 8.
Mr. Lewis Douglas was today sworn in as United States Ambassador to Britain.

Mr. Douglas, who is 52, was nominated to replace Mr. Max O. Gardner, who died a few hours before he was due to leave for Britain to take up his post.—Reuter.

**Britain Basks In
The Sun**

London, Mar. 9.
Most of Britain basked today under bright sunshine and blue skies as the temperatures soared in many places to the highest of the year. England's south-east coast had springlike weather with the thermometer reading 48 degrees Fahrenheit at 11 a.m. while the London temperature registered 45 degrees and a warm sun filled the streets, with strollers in spring attire.

The weather forecast for the next 24 hours, however, warned Britons of a hard night of frosts yet to come and wintry snow with sleet showers in the north.

A general rise in the temperature over the weekend brought an easing of the road and rail situation, with a big improvement in the movement of coal stocks. Railways reported 16 per cent. increase in traffic. The Great Western Railway reported that all main line trains were arriving and departing from London Paddington station on schedule.

A dozen local lines in Wales still were blocked with six-foot drifts, but officials expect all the lines to be cleared by tonight. Overnight trains to and from Scotland this morning ran two hours late due to snow-bound tracks which today's continued thaw was expected to clear completely.

A rapid thaw in both the north and south caused the flooding of roads, especially in their normal milk ration today with the arrival of 216,000 gallons, and leading dairies report the milk situation will be completely normal tomorrow.

Coal Stocks
Coal stock at London's power stations remains unaltered with 14.7 days' supplies, although provincial stations report 14.2 days' supply. Gas coal stocks in London dropped slightly to 10 days' supply.

The BBC announced today that the evening television transmission will be resumed on Tuesday although daytime transmissions are still suspended.—United Press.

**JANE HAD TOO
MANY CLOTHES**

Miami, Fla., Mar. 9.
A \$15,000 suit alleging that actress Jane Russell wore too many clothes during a recent engagement at a Latin quarter night club, has been filed in the circuit court by the club-owner, E. M. Loeu.

The charges that the shapely actress appeared on the stage in a neck-high dress instead of the type of clothing that made her famous in "The Outlaw," thus hurting the club's business.—Associated Press.

Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire.
The Royal Automobile Club reports that a large number of roads in the Midlands are still blocked while others are working on a single traffic system.

Switch-Off Ends
The thaw brought an easing of the fuel shortage and the Ministry of Fuel, announced last night that the switch-off during restricted periods would cease and that non-industrial consumers, shops and offices could use light and power provided they exercised caution and restricted the use of electricity.

Domestic consumption still is banned during the switch-off hours. London and provincial motion picture theatres will resume normal hours on Monday, provided they save one-third of their pre-crisis consumption. Many Londoners received

40,000 Homeless
The "New Delhi Statesman" correspondent just back from the Punjab estimates that 40,000 persons are homeless in Amritsar, with many houses still burning.

He says a "competent local authority" puts the death toll there as high as 500 but added "no accurate figure is likely to be obtained. Most of the riot victims were killed on the streets and taken away by their friends for burial or cremation and very few are left for the police to discover. Many, of course, have perished in the burning houses."

Shoot At Sight
He said 2,000 British troops and an equal number of Indian police are patrolling the city with orders to shoot without warning anybody carrying anything looking like a weapon.

He reported the "world's famous golden temple" of the Sikhs is being used as a refugee camp for the Sikhs and Hindus and Muslims who have fled from the riotous areas. Many

**NAZI GROUP
SMASHED**

Vienna, Mar. 8.
Ministry of Interior officials today announced the smashing of a large Nazi underground movement in Austria, police and American troops arrested 57 "Nazi leaders."

The group was headed by S.S. General Walter Ruffelberger, who was found living under an assumed name. The Ministry announced said the group conducted huge black market operations and attempted to contact as many other Nazis as possible. The arrests today "killed the gang while it was still a germ," the Ministry spokesman said.—United Press.

**Britain Off
The Mark
Quicker**

Washington, Mar. 9.
The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Krug, has revealed that the United States is in immediate danger of losing the title to six key Pacific islands.

It was learned that the islands affected are Canton, Christmas, Baker, Howland, Jarvis and Endeberry—tiny but important landing spots along the southern route to Samoa and Australia.

Krug was believed to have stated that he was astonished to find on his recent Pacific trip that his predecessor, Harold Ickes, had made no move to set up government when the islands were proclaimed United States territory in 1930 and 1933.

He found that Britain had established such governments on islands to take care of the British subjects and all new-born natives were listed as subjects of the Crown.—Reuter.

**TROOPS OPEN FIRE IN
AMRITSAR**

Lahore, Mar. 9.
British troops and armed police patrolling riot-torn Amritsar last night had to open fire several times to enforce the curfew. In other affected Punjab towns—Lahore, Rawalpindi, Multan, and Junilunder—the night passed off peacefully but today two shopkeepers in Lahore were stabbed while opening their shops.

Travelers arriving today from Multan reported that over 100 persons were killed and 150 injured during disturbances there.

Many families perished in fires which raged there for two days. Armed Muslim raiders attacked the predominantly Hindu localities in Rawalpindi on Friday night and later set fire to some villages in the vicinity.

Unconfirmed reports said that the major portion of Murree—a health resort 30 miles north-east of Rawalpindi—had been burnt down.—Reuter.

**Azerbert
Addis
Aircut?**

London, Mar. 9.
The Rev. F. H. J. Newton, Cookin'-loving Vicar of Ascension Church, Blackheath (London) wants to drop the letter H from the alphabet.

He feels there is too much snobbery attached to the dropping of letters. In his parish magazine, Mr. Newton says he doesn't know why a man who says "his hat" is regarded as superior to the man who says "it's hat."

He claims that the man who asks his wife, "Has Herbert had his hair cut?" is not as wise as he who says, "Azerbert adds aircut?"

The vicar adds: "That last phrase comes out almost as one word—and how beautiful it is—because it is effortless and not self-conscious."

THE WEATHER

The anticyclone over China has intensified and extends S. and S. E. through the Kailash E. of the Bay of Bengal through the Andamans, Nicobars and across Malacca.

Today's Forecast: N.E. winds, moderate to strong, offshore; partly cloudy and cold.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 61.2 deg. F.; Minimum: 51.4 deg. F.; Sunshine: 5.5 hrs.; Rainfall: 0.0 in.; Total snow Jan. 1-1947: 1.02 in.; snow on ground Jan. 1-1947: 0.1 in.

**Decline Of The
Royal Navy?**

**America Now Leading
Sea Power**

Washington, Mar. 9.
The decline of the Royal Navy as a world-wide power has compelled the United States Navy to undertake the costly task of controlling the seven seas, it was stated in the United States Congress, according to authoritative sources.

The American Navy's unprecedented role as the leading world sea power was emphasised by a Navy spokesman in recent hearings by the House Naval Appropriations Sub-committee on the Navy's money requirements for the fiscal year starting July 2.

The Navy Secretary, James Forrestal, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, and Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Deputy Chief, were among the witnesses before the sub-committee, said an informant whose name cannot be revealed.

In defending the Navy's plans to spend \$4,400,000,000 in the next fiscal year, the Navy spokesman outlined the Navy's post-war responsibility to keep open world sea routes for American commerce, it was reported.

It was emphasised that this country obtains many strategic raw materials such as rubber, tin and manganese from overseas. British naval personnel will be slashed to 191,000—less than half the American Navy's strength.

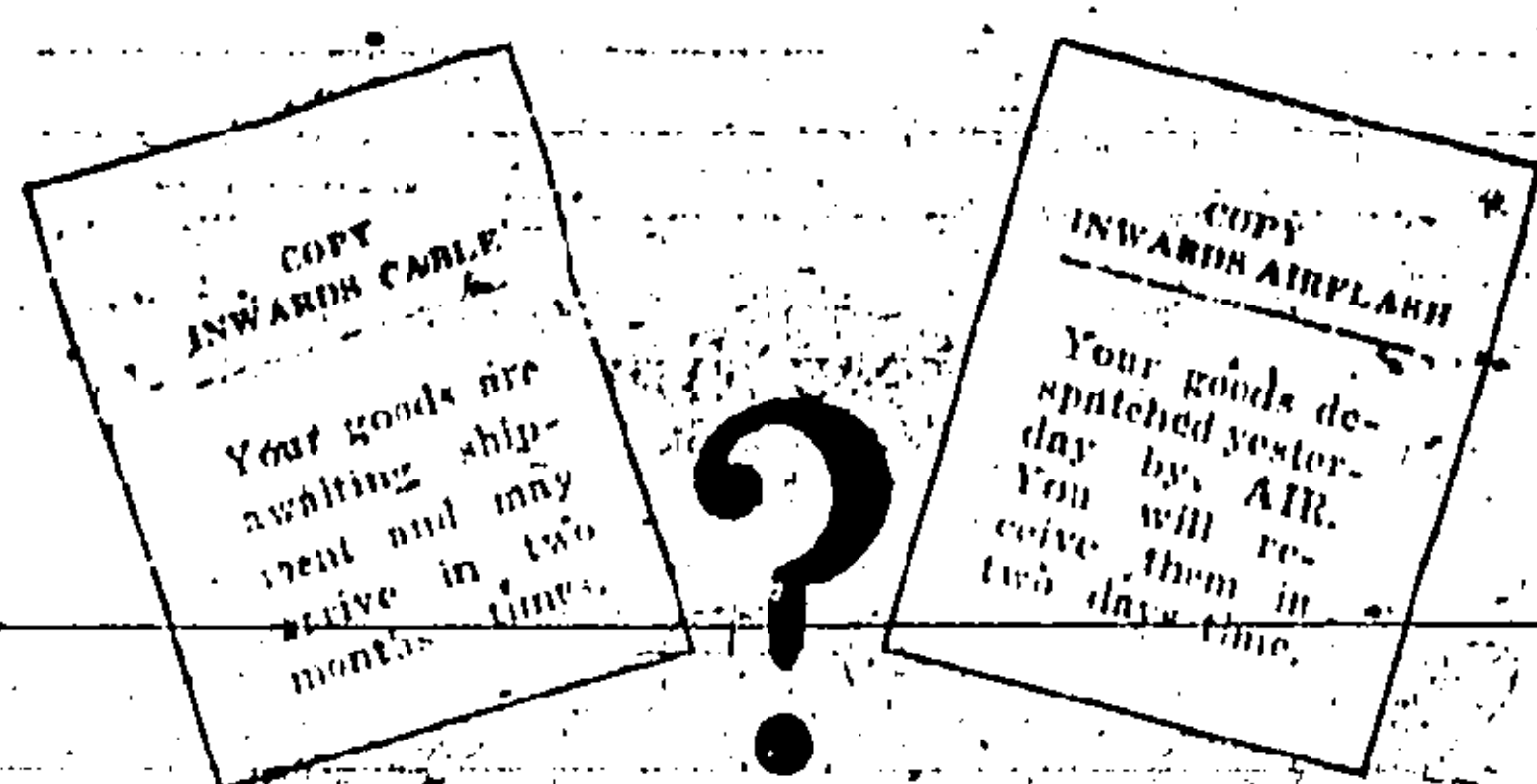
The Royal Navy ended the war a second rate power, according to U.S. naval analysts. The United States Navy eclipsed the British in overall fleet strength, fire-power, modernity and common experience.

**"City Of
Lincoln"
Refloated**
Cape Town, Mar. 9.
The Ellerman liner "City of Lincoln" was freed today from two rock pinnacles on the Agulhas rocks. She was aground on November 9.—United Press.

Owned by the Hall Line, a subsidiary of Ellerman Lines Ltd., the "City of Lincoln" is one of four cargo vessels built by Cammell Laird in 1937-38; her sister vessels are the "City of China," "City of Edinburgh" and "City of Pretoria." On trials they attained speeds of over 17 knots.

Two Fleets Compared
The two fleets compared as follows, at the end of the war: Battleships: United States 23, Britain 14; Heavy cruisers: United States 26, Britain 12; Light cruisers: United States 41, Britain 50; Aircraft carriers: United States 52, Britain 12; Escort Carriers: United States 75, Britain 29; Destroyers: United States 358, over 17 knots.

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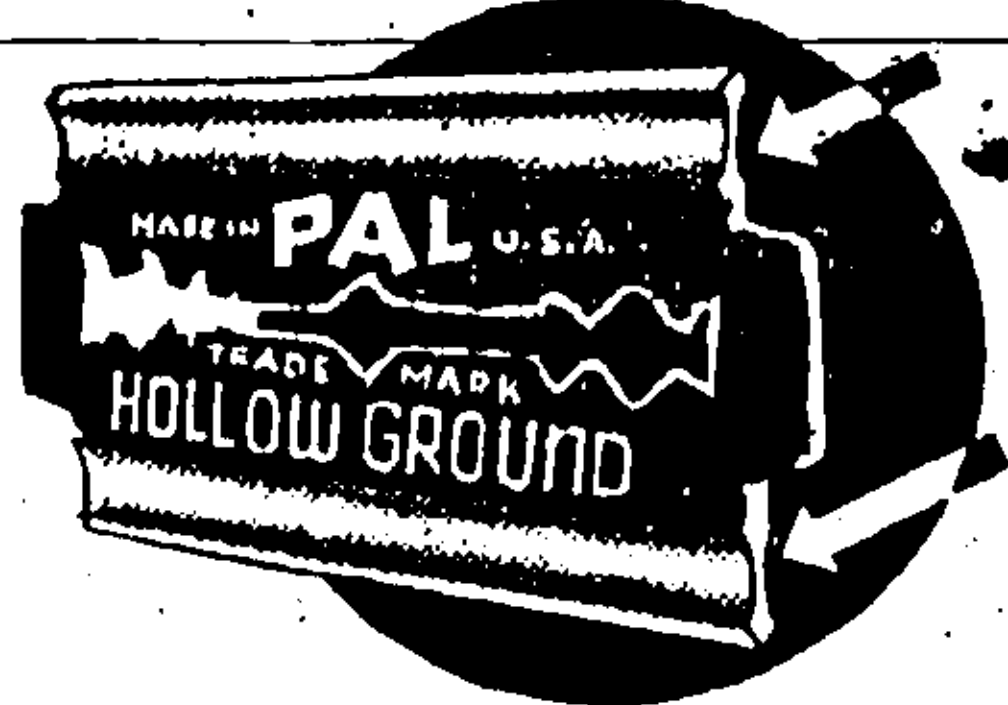
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RATIFICATION OF CHERIBON AGREEMENT RECOMMENDED

London, Mar. 8.

A well-informed Whitehall source said today that the British Government officially advised both the Dutch and Indonesian Governments to ratify and implement the Cheribon agreement providing for recognition of the Indonesia Republic and its authority over Java, Sumatra and Madura as well as for the establishment of the United States of Indonesia and the Netherlands Dutch Union.

These friendly interpretations were made by the Foreign Office to the Dutch Ambassador in London, Jonker van Vardoyen, and by the British Consul General in Batavia, Sir John Anderson, to the Indonesian Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir.

New Policy For Indo-China

Paris, Mar. 8. —Emile Bollaert, newly appointed High Commissioner to Indo-China, indicated today that the French Government is formulating a new policy in relation to Indo-China.

A despatch from the Far East said that a single fleet had been fired in Hanoi during the last 24 hours and that only minor military activities were reported from Haiduong, Langson and Nangui.

Some observers believed a full scale war was pending an announcement of the French policy.

The French policy has been to restore authority before entering into negotiations with President Ho Chi Minh of the Viet Nam Republic in Northern Indo-China. A despatch from the Far East said that an uncompromising attitude towards the Vietnamese has been relieved as High Commissioner and Emile Bollaert named to replace him.

Bollaert said that he would not assume his new post until the Government's new policy had been determined. The National Assembly will debate Indo-China next Tuesday and the new policy is expected to be formulated soon afterwards. —Associated Press.

More Mediation?

The British, in their demarches, made the point that Indonesia was the point at which economic resources were needed to play an important part in the economic rehabilitation of Southeast Asia and Britain therefore wanted to see Indonesia assume this natural function as soon as it was possible. The British in this connection drew the attention of both the Dutch and Indonesian to the serious economic consequences which the present deadlock was having for Southeast Asia.

It is not excluded in London that the British Special Commissioner for Southeast Asia, Lord Killearn, may have to act once again as mediator between the Dutch and Indonesians.

Whitehall sources also felt uneasy at the implications of the proposed Dutch naval blockade which would have for British trading and at the handicap which it might consider for a normalisation of economic conditions in Southeast Asia. While not questioning the legitimacy of the Dutch measures as such, the British look with suspicion at the blockade which was applied to British shipping outside the three-mile limit of Javanese territorial waters.

The British made representations to the Dutch on this point and the British ship "Empire May Rover" which was detained in waters north of Java on suspicion that she had loaded rubber at Cheribon from estates which the Dutch declared were not Indonesian property.

Many Incidents

According to reports available in London, the case of the "Empire May Rover" was not isolated and British ships, particularly British flagged Chinese ships, were repeatedly searched by Dutch naval authorities both inside and outside Javanese territorial waters. It is not known how many steps the United States Government undertook to ensure the freedom of American shipping in Javanese waters and to inform the Dutch and Indonesian Governments of their views on the Indonesian problem.

It is believed, however, that British and American views were largely identical both on the blockade question and the wider issue of the necessity of implementing the Cheribon agreement. It is expected that questions will be asked in the House of Commons next week both on the Dutch naval blockade and implementation of the Cheribon agreement. It is also expected that questions will be asked on the use made by the Dutch of the war material which British troops left behind in Java when withdrawing from Indonesia last autumn. —United Press.

King Peter De-Nationalised

Belgrade, Mar. 8. —The President of the Yugoslav National Assembly today published a decree depriving ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia of his nationality and confiscating all his property.

Other members of the Yugoslav Royal family against whom similar measures are decreed include Queen Mary of Yugoslavia, Peter's mother and Prince Paul, the former Regent. The decree also applies to other relatives of King Peter. —Reuter.

MENINGITIS IN CANTON

Canton, Mar. 9. —Several cases of meningitis have been discovered and reported to the local health authorities. It was learned today that reports of the disease from the Canton of Kwangtung are being checked by the health authorities. —Reuter.

GOVERNOR ASKED TO STAY

Accra, Mar. 8. —The chiefs of the Western and Eastern Councils have sent resolutions to the Governor, Sir Alan Burns, asking him not to resign. They said they had "confidence in his administration."

Sir Alan replied: "I am grateful to you." On Thursday Sir Alan said he was unable to confirm or deny reports of his resignation, circulated after the House of Commons intervention which postponed the execution of five Gold Coast men convicted of ritual murder. —Reuter.

Prague, Mar. 8. —The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, on a visit to a large engineering works in Prague today stated that experts would be sent from Belgium to Czechoslovakia to study the situation. —Reuter.

STUDENTS LOST AT SEA

Manila, Mar. 8. —A ship carrying 207 students of the Yungkuang School of the Yungkuang prefecture has been missing since leaving Manila port last Sunday afternoon. The Kyodo News Agency said.

The police are checking all sources but no information has been received, it said. —Associated Press.

More Fear And Less Liberty

New York, Mar. 8.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Spruille Braden, today lashed out at Fascist and Communist ideologies and said that efforts to establish the four freedoms have been a failure so far. In fact, he said, there is probably less liberty and more fear and more want in the world today than there has been in many decades.

Braden told the New York Herald Tribune High School Forum that "notwithstanding the sacrifices of World War II we are not yet sure that we have totally defeated Nazism and militarism for all time."

Belaboring the total ideologies of Fascism and Communism which would destroy the freedom of the individual in the name of the almighty state, Braden said "The totalitarianism is not even honest in their language. They begin by distorting and misusing such words as democracy, liberty and human rights until they are made to signify the opposite of their real meaning. Despite all totalitarian subtleties in semantics and their foul deceptions, the issue between democracy and statism is simple." —United Press.

CUTTING DOWN THE BRASS

Washington, Mar. 8.

Major General Willard S. Paul, War Department personnel director, announced today that the Army has moved to curtail "brass" by ordering suspension of all Army temporary promotions except from Second to First Lieutenant.

The Army now has 556 generals compared to the wartime peak of 1,474. There still are too many colonels who are in the ratio of one to every 165 enlisted men compared to the wartime ratio of one to 765. For this reason the War Department may resume the demotion programme calling for the demotion of 2,500 colonels which was suspended because of strong protests from within the ranks of colonels after only 700 colonels and 400 Lieutenant colonels were demoted. —United Press.

Baghdad, Mar. 8. —A communiqué is expected tomorrow in London and Baghdad on the Anglo-Iraq sterling balances talks which have ended at present without, it is understood, agreement being reached. —Reuter.

Conservatives Are Unrepentant

London, Mar. 8.

There is no disposition in House of Commons Conservative quarters this weekend to repent the vote against the Government in the India debate on Thursday.

Influential members of the party declared that although they hope the Government's plan will succeed they fear that events will prove otherwise. Some have reiterated their feelings of regret that the Opposition could not stand with the Government in its new moves, but with few exceptions the view is held that this was not possible.

While this week's debate marks the parting of the ways between the Conservatives and the Labour Government on India, it should not be assumed that it is also the starting point for a period of active Conservative resistance to the Government on India. The Conservative Party, it is said, will continue to support the Government on India. —Associated Press.

CONGRESS INVITATION TO MOSLEMS

New Delhi, Mar. 8.

The Congress Party's Working Committee tonight invited the Moslem League to nominate representatives to meet Congress representatives to consider the situation that has arisen from the forthcoming transfer of power in India and to devise means to meet it.

The Working Committee also perceived that the transfer of power to be smooth should be preceded by the recognition in practice of an interim Government as a Dominion Government with effective control over the services and administration and the Viceroy and Governor-General functioning as the constitutional head.

Another resolution of the Congress Working Committee on the Punjab stated that the "tragic events" in the Punjab demonstrated that there could be no settlement of the problem of the Punjab by violence and coercion.

Finding a way out which involved the least amount of compulsion would necessitate division of the Punjab into two provinces so that the predominantly Moslem part may be separated from the predominantly non-Moslem part.

London Pleased

Liveliest satisfaction was expressed in British political circles in London at the Congress invitation to the Muslim League.

There was no particular interest in the Congress suggestion that the transfer should be preceded by recognition in practice of the Indian Government as a Dominion Government, and the demand that the interim Government should function as a Cabinet with full responsibility.

It was pointed out that although momentarily the powers of a Dominion Government cannot legally be conferred to India, the British Government had indeed ever given to treat the interim Government in actual day to day practice, as if it were a Dominion Government.

Responsible quarters add that last week's India White Paper indicated a further point which bears upon the demand for full Cabinet responsibility. It is that although the statute is for the moment unchanged, the British Government and Parliament clearly intend that in the course of the next 14 months practical changes shall, in effect, take place from day to day. —Reuter.

IKE'S DOG GOES HOME

Berlin, Mar. 8. —General Dwight Eisenhower's wartime pup "Telek," 5-year-old black Scotty, leaves Berlin's airport today aboard a commercial air liner for the United States.

It was believed that Telek would be the first dog to make a pay-in-advance trans-Atlantic flight from Germany to New York.

Airport officials said the final destination for Telek was California. There the dog will be given a new home with a former SWAC aid of Gen. Eisenhower's who had looked after the dog much of the time during combat days. —United Press.

Y.W. Wang Wants To Resign

Nanking, Mar. 9.

Wang Yun-wu, Minister of Economic Affairs, submitted his resignation to the National Government, it was announced today, exactly one week after Dr. T. V. Soong's departure from his post as Premier.

As yet the resignation has not been accepted by President Chiang Kai-shek.

Under Soong, Wang served as a member of the top triumvirate, including Minister of Finance O. K. Yui and Governor of the Central Bank Pai Tzu-yue, charged with the execution of China's economic financial policies.

Should Wang's resignation be accepted, only one member of the triumvirate will be left. Pai has already followed Soong out of office. The Minister of Finance, however, is expected to continue at his post.

If Chiang Kai-shek agrees to release Wang, the Ministry of Economic Affairs will probably be reserved for a member of the Democratic Socialist Party, the minority group now preparing to enter the National Government, scheduled to be reshuffled before March 15.

Red Letter Day

That will be a Red Letter Day in the National capital as by this date the reorganisation of the Government to bring in the Democratic Socialists and the Young China Parties and the new non-partisans into the State Council and the enlarged Executive Yuan is expected to be concluded. At the same time the first plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee will open.

Approximately 500 top Kuomintang members are expected to attend this session and it is estimated that more than 100 are already in the capital awaiting the opening date.

The committees classifying their proposals on the polity, political constitution and economic affairs are now completing their preparatory work. —Reuter.

Kowloon Police Changes

Charles Mottram, the popular Chief Detective-Inspector (K) and lawn bowls player, has received numerous congratulations on his promotion to Assistant Superintendent of Police and O.C. Shamshui and Tsun Wan districts.

Other important changes in the Kowloon Police include the appointment of Christopher Downman as Officer-in-Charge of Mong Kok CID; J. M. Forrest as OIC CID Yau-mat; and Inspector T. McMahon as OIC Tsimshatsui Land Division.

Sub-Inspector C. J. Askev, of the Tsimshatsui Land Division, has been appointed OIC Railway Squad.

E. Tyrer, the former O.C. "Y" Division, left for Home on furlough a few days ago. He has been succeeded by G. Leys, A.S.P.

Policeman Shot Dead

Sub-Inspector N. A. Elberg, a Russian Police officer attached to the Immigration Office, was found shot through the head in bed at his quarters at Central Police Station yesterday at 6.30 a.m. His service revolver was found by his side.

The deceased had been with the Hong Kong Police for the past eight years. During the war he was interned at Stanley.

CHAS. F. REED IN TOWN

Mr. Charles F. Reed, U.S. Consul-General in Saigon, arrived at Kai Tak at 3.15 p.m. yesterday on an R.A.F. Dakota.

Mr. Reed, who will be spending a few days holiday in Hong Kong, is the guest of Mr. George Hopwood, U.S. Consul-General, who met at his airport by a member of the Consulate staff.

Dr. C. T. Wong, the District Governor, will address tomorrow morning's meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong. Dr. Wong has been in Hong Kong since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war. He is a member of the Consulate staff.

Readers' Letters

Income Tax

Sir,—The speed that comes from our Government's decision on imposing the Income Tax in 1947 is most remarkable. They (every trousered man of them) must have worked furiously and at high pressure for some time, or else, why is it that a straightforward claim lodged also with His Majesty's Government since November last, has to date, failed to bring forward a solution, one way or the other?

SUPERSONIC.

Flower Gardens

Sir,—I sincerely believe that many will agree with my opinion that among the three cities, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore, the first is more beautiful in scenery and has better climatic conditions, and yet it lacks the newest and most pleasing varieties of flowers to add into its charm. In comparison with the other two, flower gardening is a true relief for strain. As a starting encouragement along this line, I would gladly offer my personal free directions, perhaps fifteen hours a month on annual flower growing with free supply of the finest strains of flower seeds to someone who has a good size garden and is in a position to furnish several suitable seedling beds, some simple gardening tools and a gardener to take care of the daily work. I can assure him a beautiful showing in his garden long before summer comes, providing weather conditions permit. A GOOD WISHER.

Disagreement

Sir,—The Sing Tao soccer team will, I understand, be leaving for England shortly. As a matter of interest, it would certainly be enlightening to know how the players of the Sing Tao team would feel if, on arrival in England, they found no mention of their presence or of their matches in any newspaper simply because some of the English newspaper reporters had a disagreement with the Football Association in England. I am sure that the Sing Tao players would not have a very high opinion of British sportsmanship were such a thing to happen.

Yet, in Hong Kong, all the Chinese newspapers were united in a common news black-out regarding the visit of the Macao team to Hong Kong mainly because certain reporters of the Chinese press are at logger-heads with the Hong Kong Football Association.

Is it right or fair that those who are not a party to the dispute between the Chinese reporters and the H.K.F.A. should be penalised? Frankly, I believe that the attitude of the Chinese Press in this matter betrays a deplorable lack of sportsmanship. PLAY THE GAME.

Tram Conductor

Sir,—I feel that the high-handed action of a tram conductor should be brought to the attention of the authorities. Yesterday morning my attention was drawn to a commotion in the third class compartment of tram No. 63. On my enquiring into the cause I found that a shoe black was being slapped and kicked by the conductor for allegedly evading payment of the fare.

Evasion of payment on a tram is an offence, I admit, but can a conductor commit assault on an offender? I would like the Tramway Company to provide an answer to this question. I hold no brief for these people getting a free ride. They are a nuisance, but the utmost that a conductor should do is to hand the offender over to a Police officer. A statement on this subject from the Tramway Co. would be enlightening to the public. ERO.

BIG BANG

Manila, Mar. 9. —Twenty-three tons of detonating dynamite stored at United States Army base "R" 68 miles south of Manila, will be set off in the biggest controlled explosion the Philippines has ever seen. Army and Civilian authorities announced today.

The Army command said destruction of the explosives is necessary to avoid a repetition of the accidental explosion at the same base Feb. 24 which killed 11 and injured 500.

Appeal For A Coalition Government

London, Mar. 9.

A vigorous appeal for a coalition government of national unity to overcome Britain's present economic and moral crisis is made in today's issue of the leading independent newspaper "Sunday Times," which is one of the Kemsley group of papers.

The editorial, headed "The Nation First," which is given the rare prominence of being splashed across two columns, was written on the eve of the Parliamentary debate on the Government motion calling for cooperation from all sections to overcome the present economic difficulties.

The Government's plea, the "Sunday Times" writes, comes from Socialist leaders who seem to reject in their hearts that which their lips affirm. Representing only a dwindling minority of votes at a moment of acute national danger, they persist in partisan measures which break the back of Parliament and hamper sound administration and check economic recovery.

Declaring that the immediate need is for national leadership, the newspaper continues: "Unless some new development is forthcoming, the nation and the amendment are bound to arouse a violent political clash which can hardly strengthen the country."

"It was precisely because they feared a situation in which democracy might be fatal as in war that a vast section of British public opinion, ourselves included, urged persistently while yet there was time that the National Government should be continued into the period of immediate post-war reconstruction."

"How much brighter would be the prospect today if that advice had been heeded. Millions who feel that some kind of 'National Government' ought not to prove even now beyond the power of statesmanship of both sides of politics find them-

selves confronted with two apparently fatal obstacles to their hopes.

National Health

"The Government's towering majority in the House of Commons seems to belie the need for sharing responsibility, while the leaders of both great parties have pronounced emphatically against coalition."

"The nation's health, however, has grown visibly worse since Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Clement Attlee, from opposite party positions, denounced the party positions, and expert consultants have confirmed the deep-seated nature of the disease. Remedies left to be too drastic then may be sound prescription now."

"The nature of such a Government, of course, implies the support of at least a large fraction of every party, which in turn implies that its programme must be confined to measures required by the emergency and capable of all-party approval."

"The Opposite would have to swallow the need to cooperate in administering the Socialist measures already on the Statute Book. The Socialists would have to suspend all further measures of nationalisation—a very hard blow to their policy."

Economic Nemesis

"On paper, this may appear to be a larger sacrifice for the majority party than for the minority. But by pretending to every one, if no crisis had been revealed the Socialists could not escape from the dilemma which is implicit in their own motion for tomorrow's debate."

"The effort from all classes of the nation for which Mr. Attlee and his colleagues call in one breath is fully incompatible with the weakening and sectional measures of Socialism which they propagate with the next."

"They must forego one course or the other. To espouse both is futile hypocrisy. If they prefer the party line, the Nemesis of economic collapse will pursue them inexorably."

"It may be easier for the Government, even at the cost of a split among their supporters, merely to suspend further Socialist legislation than to go further and seek to broaden the political base upon which the executive itself is formed. That suspension alone would be of enormous advantage."

SHIPPING LINES PROTEST

Batavia, Mar. 9.

Representatives of world shipping lines, virtually all British, American, Canadian, Norwegian, Danish, French, Australian, Hong Kong and Singapore lines operating into Netherland East Indies, protested that they were being discriminated against.

In a letter to the Netherland East Indies Committee, the shipping lines representatives alleged that quay charges for foreign ships had been raised 200 per cent and that foreign ships were not being allowed sufficient storage space.—Associated Press.

tage in helping the nation through its present dangers.

Nation First

"Parliament, as well as Ministers and their departments, could then concentrate upon urgent problems of administration and reconstruction whose neglect has contributed so much to bringing us to our present pass. Industry would be relieved of encumbering uncertainties. Acceptance by the country of the necessary sacrifices would be far more wholehearted."

"The first step for the Labour Party if it puts the nation first is clear."

"To a Government of national unity, then, if that were to prove politically possible, the Socialist Party would contribute the essential requirement of a House of Commons majority, the capacities of their best men as Ministers and leaders of the nation, and such support from organized industrial labour as was not lost in any consequent split in party ranks."

"These would be great assets. But the Opposition themselves would bring no mean contribution to the common fund."

"Their own outstanding leaders, ripe in Parliamentary and administrative skill, include that great figure who can inspire the nation as none other—Winston Churchill."

Foreign Policy

"To the abilities of the Conservative and Liberal politicians would be added the brains and experience of leading business executives."

"The co-operation of all classes would be assured, not the least that of the great middle class whose work and thrift are indispensable to national economic salvation."

"The accession of the Conservatives and Liberals to the Government would restore confidence in Britain abroad."

"Above all it would ensure the national unity of those vital issues of external affairs which this country has to face in the next few months."

The article continued: "The immediate issue, however, rests with the Government. If they offer bold and sincere leadership in national unity behind the national policy, the Opposition statesmen will assuredly respond. If they fail, let history and the people be their judge."—Reuter.

British Still On Their Feet

London, Mar. 8.

Bert Couzens, 48-year-old English walker, today completed his 3,000 miles walk round Britain through ice and snow in 1,136 hours. His worst lap was when it took him nine hours to walk 21 miles between Whitby and Scarborough in Yorkshire along a path 18 inches wide with 20-foot walls of snow on either side.

At the conclusion of his walk, Couzens said: "I hope in the near future, to walk from London to the United States, then from one side of America to the other to let them see that we British boys are still on our feet."—Reuter.

Forgiven! By Victim Of His Bigamy

London, Mar. 9.

When Sidney Frederick Garrod, a 21-year-old ex-R.A.F. Sergeant, of Kingston-avenue, Wigston Fields, Leicestershire, pleaded guilty at Leicester Assizes, to a bigamous marriage with Gladys Irene Stenson, it was stated that his wife admitted having associated with his 16-year-old brother while Garrod was in the Middle East.

But Garrod's wife and his brother admitted their misconduct, said Det.-sergeant Thomas Bingham, and Mrs. Garrod had borne a daughter to the brother, Philip George Garrod, in June 1945. He was now aged 18 and in the Forces. Garrod, a Lowestoft man, was married at Lowestoft in 1939, and there was a seven-year-old son. The bigamous marriage took place at All Saints' Church, Wigston Magna, in February last year.

Two Days

Passing sentence of two days' imprisonment, which meant Garrod's immediate release, Mr. Justice Morris said that he had read a statement by Garrod in which he related how he met Miss Stenson outside a cinema.

He had told her the whole story of his wife and brother, and only lay in saying that he was divorced. Miss Stenson had now forgiven him.

Decorated By China

Washington, Mar. 9.

Seven "naval" officers, including Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, were decorated by the Chinese Government for their "outstanding service to China" during World War Two. Those decorated besides Nimitz were: Commander Robert F. Nelson, Captain Gale Rear Admiral Wilfred J. McNeill, Captain Hoyt S. Scott, Commander William D. Glein Jr. and Commander Theodore B. Nickson.—Associated Press.

SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT

Nanking, Mar. 9. Sino-British negotiations for a civil aviation agreement between Britain and China have been concluded but the signing will still have to wait some days, according to Central News, quoting the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson.

Having completed his mission, Sir John Ballie, head of the British Air Mission, to China, will return to Britain shortly to report to the British Government, Sir Ralph added.—Reuter.

Showmen's Padre Up For Trial

Newbury, Mar. 8.

Six boys, the sons of travelling showmen, were the chief witnesses for the prosecution when the Rev. Father Philip Rees Greville, known as the Showmen's Padre, was charged at Newbury, Berkshire, with serious offences.

Father Greville was Vicar of Beeton, near Newbury, until his resignation in November. His address was now given as Mission House, Oxford.

My K. S. Hudson, for the Public Prosecutor, said the boys concerned in the case were the sons of travelling showmen, and were boarders at what was described in a prospectus as "Father Greville's private boarding-school for sons of showmen."

The prospectus stated that Father Greville was chaplain to the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain, and that his school was opened at his presbytery, Beeton, on March 7, 1946.

A 12-year-old boy told the Court that, following incidents in Father Greville's study after the other boys had gone to bed, he wrote to his parents. He showed the letter to other boys, and next day Father Greville said he was to leave the school and go home.

Signed Statement

Another boy said he told Father Greville about this letter. Father Greville later dictated a statement, which four boys signed. This was the effect: "That there was absolutely no truth in any allegations against Father Greville and the boys were perfectly happy and contented at the school. The allegations, the statement went on, were made by a boy because he wanted to get away from the school."

The magistrates committed Greville for trial at Abingdon Quarter Sessions on five of the seven original charges.

INDO-CHINA FIGHTING

Hanoi, Mar. 8.

A French Headquarters communiqué today stated that a French river patrol had been attacked by Vietnamese forces at Haidoung.

In the region south of Lang-sai, French posts had been active in the Nam Tinh sector.

The Vietnamese radio has reiterated the determination of the Vietnamese to continue the struggle. Fighting in Hanoi is reported to have died down.—Reuter.

NOTICE

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

Members now resident in the Colony are hereby notified that unless their names are registered with the Secretary by 1st April, 1947, they will be considered as having resigned from the Club and will lose all privileges and rights of membership.

Likewise, members returning to the Colony in the future will be required to register their names within one month of the date of their arrival in order to retain membership of the Club.

By Order of the Committee, D. W. MURTON, Secretary.

Corporal Gets A Ticking-Off

Durham, Mar. 8.

An RAMC ex-corporal who asked his loyal and faithful wife to provide him with grounds for divorce was lashed by the tongue of Mr. Justice Stabile at Durham Divorce Sessions.

"A more contemptible exhibition, I should think, was never provided by returning warrior with a pretty young wife waiting to welcome him," said the Judge.

"She, like a noble girl, was bitterly hurt by his contemptuous behaviour, and her rejoinder was to tell him to go to hell."

The Judge ordered the husband, James Slaughter, of Aden Grove, Seaton Carew, Durham, to pay the whole of the costs of the divorce petition, which was brought by his wife, including the costs of his stepfather, Kathleen Farrell, who was intervenor.

The Judge said Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter were married in 1941, and the husband went overseas. He, the Judge, was satisfied that the wife was a regular and eager correspondent until September, 1945, when Corporal Slaughter wrote that he was going to see the welfare officer about his matrimonial affairs.

"If he had had the insight of a man with a grain of common sense, immediately he arrived in this country, he would have gone to see his young wife."

"Like A Fool"

"But like a fool, he did nothing of the kind; he did not even tell his wife he had arrived, and did not go to see her until his mother-in-law had seen him."

"Then he asked her to provide him with grounds for a divorce." The Judge said that as evidence fell short of proving adultery, the divorce could not be granted.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT NOTICE

A lecture on "RECENT ADVANCES IN NUTRITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FAR EAST" will be given by DR. LUCIUS NICHOLLS, C.M.C., Nutrition Adviser to South East Asia Command, at Medical Headquarters Conference Room, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor, on TUESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1947, at 6.30 p.m.

All members of the medical and nursing profession are cordially invited to attend.

R. S. SELWYN-CLARKE, Director of Medical Services.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1947.

MEDICAL BOARD NOTICE

At a meeting of the Medical Board of this Colony held at the Office of the Medical Department, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Friday, the 14th day of February, 1947, it was ORDERED that the names of the following doctors should be restored to Part I of the Medical Register:

Dr. So Ping Lun
Dr. Ho Chee Wing
D. BRITTON EVANS, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1947.

NOTICE

Messrs. Victor & Co. has from this date, March 8, 1947, transferred their business to Messrs. Lee & Sun Chai, without any liabilities.

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By Order of the Committee, D. W. MURTON, Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Friday the 28th day of March, 1947, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 10th March to Friday the 28th March, 1947, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th Feb., 1947.

Notice to Consignees

s.s. "Wingsang" from Shanghai and Keelung arrived 26.2.47.
s.s. "Wasang" from Shanghai arrived 28.2.47.
s.s. "Mausang" from Shanghai arrived 6.3.47.

Consignees of cargo on the above vessels are advised that survey of damaged packages landed into the West Point premises of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. will be examined there in the presence of consignees by Messrs. Goldard and Douglas on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th March, 1947 at 10.00 a.m.

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The abovementioned articles will be open for inspection at the P. W. H. Godown, 1st Floor, West Point, on the 8th March, 1947, between 10 a.m. and noon, and on the 10th March, 1947, between 10 a.m. and noon and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersigned at his Auction Rooms.

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NOTICE

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All previous arrangements as to Time and Entries, together with Admission Tickets and Cash Sweep Tickets, including Through chances already booked will hold good for that date.

DECLARATIONS

Owners are notified that all starting declarations are called. Ponies starting on Saturday, 15th March, will require to be declared in the usual manner.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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MOSCOW TALKS

Perhaps the highlight in the European political scene in the past few weeks has been the hint dropped in London of satisfactory progress in the moves for a revision and extension of the Anglo-Russian treaty. Marshal Stalin's readiness to indicate how he thought this instrument was out of date is important, because it does reflect some advance in confidence from that quarter and because without an advance in confidence the vital Conference which opens in Moscow today can achieve nothing substantial. As regards the subjects to be discussed there, it is disappointing that the Foreign Ministers' deputies failed to reach agreement even on the procedure for framing peace for Germany. The failure was due to a clash between Russia's view that only the occupying powers should frame the peace and the view of others, including the British, that all who are affected by the peace should have a hand in framing it—and more of a hand than the mere submission of opinions for consideration by the Conference.

Should the Foreign Ministers have better success than their deputies in reaching agreement on this point, disagreement on the future constitution of Germany looms ahead. Russia favours the view that Germany should be one political unit. Others believe that future danger from Germany can best be avoided if she is a federation of States. At this stage it is only possible to hope that the Conference will appreciate the always great and now overriding importance of reaching swift decisions. It is 22 months since the end of the war. Should deadlock, drift, and doubts continue much longer, there will be an instant danger that Germany will again try to become a menace herself, and will, as Mr. Bevin rightly fears, become a cause of offence or even an object of competition between groups of Powers. The result could only be the breakdown of the new international machinery and a direct encouragement to the worse elements in Germany.

If the Conference is to be swift, one necessity is that all the Foreign Ministers should have their case thoroughly prepared. It must be hoped that Mr. Bevin is so; but if any criticism is to be made of his latest speech on foreign affairs it is that he rather drifted from hint to hint and from generality to generality, with too little trace of incisiveness or decisiveness. The speech, indeed, gave some support to the view that the country's economic position is beginning to react upon the efficacy of its foreign policy. Looking at the whole range of public affairs, domestic, imperial and foreign, it cannot be concealed from anybody's eyes that there has been a decline in Britain's position all the more marked because 22 months ago it stood upon an unprecedented pinnacle of efficiency in production and of prestige throughout the world.

Britain's attitude towards India might be interpreted as a sign of weakness in Moscow, where the Kremlin might underestimate Mr. Bevin's strength. Mr. Bevin can, and on the whole he does, take up as Foreign Secretary attitudes which command support among all save a section of his own party. But a Foreign Secretary needs not only attitudes but also a background, and it is there that the steady glow of national strength and purpose has been dimming. It would therefore be well for the world to realise that the picture of Britain today, with trouble at home and an impression of strain and frustration abroad, is not the only one which the British people and British leaders are capable of producing. Dark though the contrast between today and yesterday may be, the darkness is due to potentially temporary causes; and there is a strength behind Mr. Bevin when he speaks for the nation far greater than the embarrasment of a few months or even a few years would seem to indicate.

Hong Kong Ideal Place For Television

Whether or not radio listeners in Hong Kong will ever have television sets in their homes depends on one factor alone—a change in the present system of financing the Colony's broadcasting.

While radio television has "come to stay" in Britain, and great strides are being taken by the BBC in London to improve reception in homes, unless future methods of bringing in revenue from the local public are used in Hong Kong—such as advertisement-sponsored programmes—the introduction of television will be impossible.

According to a television expert here yesterday, Hong Kong Island is ideally suited for television programmes in that there is a large concentration of population. A single transmitter would cover the whole area.

In Britain the BBC's television is maintained out of licence revenue but this is out of the question here because of the comparatively small number of licence holders in the Colony.

Unfortunately the production of television programmes is very costly and future worldwide development will obviously be most rapid in countries permitting sponsored programmes. Economies forced even the BBC to allow velle advertising in connection with certain television programmes, excerpts from dress rehearsals of London plays, for example, and in return this material was obtained without charge.

Pros And Cons

The arguments for and against the use of sponsored programmes are many and well known, but it would appear that in television broadcasting where the programme costs as many times that of sound-broadcasting the arguments for sponsored programmes receive a majority.

Before the war there were about 20,000 television receivers in use and in Britain, mass demand is now the end to which the BBC are working, for that is the dominant factor in reducing the cost of receiver sets to the public.

The shortcomings of the present television system from the viewpoint of the broadcasters are that: 1. The image is too small (the public is used to cinema screen entertainment); 2. The picture is not clear enough (any number of factors are involved in the clarity of the television image); 3. The picture lacks colour

(apart from adding to the clarity of the picture, colour itself is exciting); 4. The picture is not reliable enough (almost every television receiver, no matter where it is, is subject to some form of interference).

Makeup Problems

The success of the picture on the television screen greatly depends on the skill of the lighting engineer. A production may be of exceptionally high literary merit, the artists

— By —

MARGARET BRADBURY

may be top-ranking, the scenery expertly arranged, the production, camera work and sound technique all good, and yet the presentation will be a dismal failure unless the set is suitably illuminated.

Not only must the amount of light received by the camera be sufficient to meet technical requirements, but the lighting must also be so arranged that it creates, as far as possible, the illusion of depth in the picture.

Make-up has probably produced fewer problems than any other single subject in television production. Technically it is nearly always necessary to reduce the tonal value of the skin, otherwise it will be reproduced in too light a tone. The materials used to give this effect are very similar to those used in the film studio where the effect is known as panchromatic. To the eye it is pleasant to look at, appearing as a fairly deep sun tan. Rouge must not be used because its blue component gives a dark or "dirty" face effect, while red lipstick has to be a deep or purplish shade to give the effect of a strong mouth.

In film work each shot is rehearsed and often photographed many times, and the complete film is made up of a large number of carefully edited shots. The order in which they are arranged is usually entirely unrelated to the order of shooting. Work is spread over a period of days or weeks, and technical equipment is not used all the time. On the other hand, a television production must run like a stage play without interruption. Editing as understood in the film industry is impossible. Television cameras and light-

ing equipment must be capable of continuous use for long periods.

Invented By Accident

Large screen television is still relatively undeveloped, but solution of the technical problems involved is in sight and a television projector in hand to become part of the normal equipment of large cinema houses. Big boxing lights and similar events will one day provide programme material, and producers will be able to show to large audiences and obtain proportionate returns by selling television rights to chains of cinemas.

The origin of television can be said to be as much of an accident as that of Penicillin. As far back as 1873 a cable operator at the terminal station of the Atlantic cable in Ireland was troubled by the erratic behaviour of his instruments. After investigation he noticed that the trouble only occurred when the sun shone on his resistances. This phenomenon was also looked into and gave rise to the first instrument capable of transforming light impulses into electrical impulses. In January 1926 Mr. J. L. Baird, a Scot who will always be known as the inventor of television first publicly demonstrated it.

Something New In Diplomats

Secretary of State George C. Marshall is my kind of diplomat. When he talks it does not come out peach-fuzz.

I can understand his language and this makes him, in my book, a unique statesman. So many reporters came to his first press conference that he held it in the top-story conference room of the State Department, where bronze cupids lurk in the corners, the cornices are gold and the walls are lined with liver and arched-coloured marble slabs. Into this gay nineties chamber, used in the past mostly for the handling of free-fountainpens, diplomats who signed treaties, the gray-haired Marshall strode. He looked slightly uncomfortable in one of his hurriedly tailored double-breasted diplomat suits.

When he got here from China he had only one civilian suit to his name. Quickly he had to get a new wardrobe for his mission to Moscow. So he wore the blue double-breasted job with the slight stripe and the post-war vest.

He asked the reporters, more than 100 of them, to sit down in the undertakers' chairs he said he would stand up. Then he did an unprecedented thing. He had some things to say and he said them.

The diplomatic press corps, trained these many generations in forcing news from international experts (a process more difficult than squeezing juice from bilberries) was non-plussed. Marshall used plain English to talk about his hopes for disarmament. He said his helpers at the department looked like first-class citizens to him and that he did not intend to fire them, or reorganize them much, either. He mentioned Poland and Palestine. He explained about the Marines in China, the mandated islands in the Pacific, the relations between Argentina and the United States. He said he had no idea how many displaced Europeans ought to be admitted to America. He said relief ought to continue abroad because it is possible for a man to eat in March and starve in April, when UNRRA is no more.

For 60 minutes Marshall talked about his problems, while the reporters scribbled notes, which resulted in the dispatches. Surprises were to come. Marshall cracked a couple of jokes, off the record, unfortunately. No other Secretary of State in my experience ever has done that. Then he smiled and he did not look as though he was in pain. Here obviously was a peculiar diplomat. When finally he had finished his report to the press and the people on America's world-wide problems, he said now he was ready for questions. The reporters laughed.

Marshall said he could not understand what was so funny. The correspondent tried to carry on in the old tradition and asked him some questions, but the Secretary had been to the drawing-board, brought up inside the movement, were not thoroughly conversant with its intricacies. There was the further difficulty that those engaged had to live in the interior of China under Chinese conditions (and one could not be so much as

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Personally I kinda got a soft spot for the old days when we used to have a car in every garage instead of a family!"

Bishop Hall On China Co-ops

The importance of studying popular movements amongst the people of China rather than the political developments in the country was stressed by Bishop Hall of Hong Kong at a Chinese feast given in his honour by the Chinese Ministry of Information in London.

One of the most crucial of these movements in present-day China he emphasized, was that of industrial co-operatives. In fact, it formed one of the main reasons for his present visit to Britain as outside assistance was urgently required, and in this the British co-operatives could play an important role.

The cooperative movement in China, he said, must be based on people if it was to become a fundamental force for their benefit. Financial assistance could not therefore be derived for government sources and this principle had been realised by both Dr. H. H. Kung and Mr. T. V. Soong. The majority of cooperative groups in China had not been able to survive developments which had taken place in China during the past decade; only the stoutest of groups now remained.

The present aim was therefore, to reconstitute those which would bring the greatest assistance. It was proposed in this relation, to concentrate on West Fuku, South Kwangsi and North Kwangtung provinces, where co-operatives had been destroyed by the Japanese occupation. In these areas, the two greatest difficulties were to obtain raw material to supply rural industries and transport, by which the products could be marketed.

Swatow Opportunity

Meanwhile, an opportunity to organise an important cooperative was offered in Swatow. There, the embroidery industry had largely fallen into the hands of monopolistic exporters with the consequence that production was being carried out by avowed labour. The proposed organisation would open the way to these workers for exporting direct and so allow them to enjoy a full return for their output.

The industrial cooperative movement in China faced two major problems. The first was that of finance. Many offers in this connection were being received from different Chinese interests, but to accept would tend to build up distributing monopolies, the very evil of which it was hoped to avoid.

To Organize Movement

The second problem was obtaining personnel from other countries to organise the movement. It was essential that any staff engaged should have been born and bred in the co-operative movement. Chinese industrial co-operatives had benefited from the assistance of many technicians from abroad. These had been wholehearted supporters of the ideals of the movement, but naturally not having been brought up inside the movement, were not thoroughly conversant with its intricacies. There was the further difficulty that those engaged had to live in the interior of China under Chinese conditions (and one could not be so much as

come might react. He hoped however, that two additions to the staff in China would shortly be leaving Britain.

Bishop Hall then pointed out the importance of the movement as between the people in China. He instanced the Democratic League as an example of how the Chinese longed for a coalition Government and peace.

In the Interior

Similarly, the industrial co-operative movement was popular, as by building of small industrial co-operatives throughout the interior it would assure security for millions.

Solely to concentrate on the industrial development of big cities would only benefit thousands of workers to the detriment of the populace in the hinterland. The aggregate production of industrial co-operatives would prove tremendous and he looked forward to the day when each working home in Britain would have a Chinese rug or some other work of art.

Bishop Hall concluded by stating that it had been decided to establish simple headquarters outside of Hankow. There the organisers would be near to the people in China and would have a proper aspect to assure the success of the movement.

U.N. Inquiry In Greece

Salonica, Mar. 8. The Greek Army will re-enact frontier incidents for members of the United Nations Commission Inquiring into Greek charges of frontier violations and intervention in guerrilla fighting by her neighbours.

The Commission is setting out tomorrow on a twelve-day tour of the Greek-Albanian and Greek-Yugoslav frontiers.

It expects to leave Greece towards the end of this month for Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, after which it will proceed to Switzerland by mid-April to draw up its conclusions on the enormous mass of evidence being accumulated.

The tenth Greek witness to testify before the Commission today described the Yugoslav camp of Bulkes—alleged to be a training camp for guerrillas—as a "Marxist university."

The Greek representative, Alex. Kyrou, had urged the Commission to call fifteen of the most prominent Bulgarian political leaders as witnesses, including the ex-Régent Pavlov, Prime Minister Dimitrov, Vice-Premier Alexander Obor, Foreign Minister Mikov Georgiev, and the opposition leaders Strinov and Petrov.

Kyrou also requested the Commission to call as witnesses a number of Yugoslav leaders, including Ivan Subasic, the Yugoslav Prime Minister who concluded the first agreement with Marshal Tito. Typical of the strained relations between the representatives of the four contending states is the alleged lack of documents and photographs from the hotel where the Yugoslav camp was located.

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AMERICAN COMMITMENTS

Help May Be Extended To Turkey

Taking Over From Britain

Washington, Mar. 8. President Harry Truman will probably make an announcement on the Greek situation on Monday after conferring with Congressional leaders, the White House announced today. The announcement came after the British Ambassador, Lord Inverchapel, and Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson had discussed Greek problems at the State Department. Lord Inverchapel told reporters that he had not delivered any note to Mr. Acheson.

Discussing President Truman's projected meeting with Congressional leaders of both parties, the White House Press Secretary, Mr. Charles G. Ross, said that "in all probability there will be an announcement at that time as to his plans regarding the Greek situation."

Asked whether the President was planning a speech on foreign policy, the Press Secretary stated: "There will be no announcement in this respect until after he talks with Congressional leaders on Monday morning."

It is authoritatively understood that during the discussion of the question of United States aid to Greece with Mr. Dean Acheson, the British Ambassador provided details of British expenditure in Greece as a guide to the State Department in drawing up the United States proposals for aid to Greece.

Details of separate items of British expenditure are not available, but it is understood that Britain spent \$40,000,000 in supplies and services and an equal amount in cancellation of loans since the end of the war.

The data was provided at the request of the United States, so as to enable President Truman to give Congress leaders on Monday a complete survey and an estimate of the amount which Congress will be asked to make available.

Probably in the form of an authorization to the Import and Export Bank to extend credits to Greece beyond its present lending limits.

Huge Sum

It is generally expected that President Truman will ask Congress for between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000 for aid to Greece.

Officials here describe as purely speculative many of the alleged details of amounts being asked for food, services or guns and ammunition for the Greek army.

Figures are being prepared this week-end on the basis of:

Firstly, the figures supplied by Lord Inverchapel today.

Secondly, War Department reports on the availability of surplus military equipment, both in Europe and the United States.

Thirdly, reports coming in from Mr. Paul Porter's economic mission now in Greece.

Turkey Too?

President Truman has also to decide whether to ask Congress at the same time for funds to aid Turkey and take over British financial commitments in other parts of the world.

The President was reported to be under pressure from Congressional advisers not to endanger the passage of legislation to aid Greece and possibly Turkey by raising the larger issue created by British inability to bear the financial burden of all her world responsibilities.

President Truman is being criticized in some quarters for intending to make a piecemeal approach, instead of asking Congress for funds immediately to deal with the increasingly critical situation throughout the world as described by the President and

the Secretary of State, General George C. Marshall, to Congressional leaders last week.

Members of Congress and officials privately discuss the crisis as involving the whole world wherever withdrawal of British influence would create a vacuum in which "aggressive and expanding Russian foreign policy" might penetrate.

Bulwark Against Russia

The line of thought current in high military and diplomatic circles was expressed in the well-informed Army and Navy Journal, which describes the United States as becoming heretofore, France and China as "the single bulwark against Russian aggressive policies."

The Journal continues: "That bulwark extends almost around the world and is in fact a great power frontier between zones of interest which begins in Korea and China, passes along the northern borders of Iran, Turkey and Greece, and sweeps through the Mediterranean and through France to Austria and Germany."

"We are committed to the defence of that frontier; hence the statement by Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz that we have an obligation to keep open the sea lanes across the Pacific to China, Japan, the Philippines, New Zealand and Australia, down the Atlantic through the Caribbean to South America, and across that ocean to Europe, Africa and the Mediterranean."

"Interpreted by Navy Secretary Forrestal, that obligation which for a century has been discharged by Great Britain, is now ours in conjunction with hers, and is further proof of the responsibility which we have incurred and which Congress unquestionably will take into account in providing funds necessary to discharge them."

Necessary Burdens

Meanwhile, the American Council for Democratic Greece declared in a full-page advertisement in the New York liberal newspaper E.M. today that "America must not underwrite British oppression" and urged "Let the people of Greece decide."

The Council, which has been in existence for two years, said in the advertisement: "A decaying empire seeks American dollars and American sinews to bolster up its grip on nearly half a thousand million protesting and fighting people."

"Not only Greece is involved," the advertisement said, "for if America takes over the British 'burden' in Greece then why not in Palestine, India, Egypt and all other far-flung corners of this world?"

The New York Sun said that the responsibilities once assumed were liable to be extended.

"Perhaps these are burdens which in the interests of world peace Americans must assume but before reaching a decision they must have a much clearer idea of all the implications of future actions than has been provided thus far."—Reuter.

War Criminals

Escape

Rome, Mar. 8. According to a report published today in the Communist newspaper Unita, thirty-Usachi war criminals escaped from Genoa on board the steamer Philippa bound for the Argentine.

No confirmation of the report was available from the British authorities in Rome today.

The report said that 16 war criminals were arrested while trying to board the ship but the paper Unita alleged that among the 30 who were on board already were General Sladimir Kree, former chief of the Croatian Air Force, Gois Kravich, head of Pavelic Secret Police, Rodomil Vargovic, head of the Croat State Police and General Josip Tomljanovic, former commander of the Ustaša division at Lika in Croatia.

The Unita listed the names of the other members of the group as: "The report said that 16 war criminals were arrested while trying to board the ship but the paper Unita alleged that among the 30 who were on board already were General Sladimir Kree, former chief of the Croatian Air Force, Gois Kravich, head of Pavelic Secret Police, Rodomil Vargovic, head of the Croat State Police and General Josip Tomljanovic, former commander of the Ustaša division at Lika in Croatia."

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U.S. AND THE EMPIRE

Washington, Mar. 9. Mr. Lewis Douglas, new United States Ambassador to Britain, declared that Britain and her Empire are as significant to the vital interests of the United States during these critical times as during the war.

Mr. Douglas made this statement shortly after taking the oath of office at a simple State Department ceremony. Cabinet officers, congressional representatives and State Department officials attended.—Associated Press.

PALESTINE COMMISSION

Paris, Mar. 8. The French Government was today informed by Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, of the proposal to constitute an enquiry commission on the Palestine problem.

The commission, it is suggested, should compose of five permanent members of the Security Council, plus Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Brazil.

If the five permanent members agree to sit on the commission, Dr. Trygve Lie will ask all member states of the UNO to agree to the commission.

According to well-informed circles here, the French Government is considering the proposal in a favourable light.—Reuter.

All-Out Drive On

Burma Dacoits

Rangoon, Mar. 8. Large forces of British, Indian and Burma Army Infantry, supported by armoured cars, have gone into action in an all-out drive to smash "dacoit dictatorship" in central Burma, it was announced here today by the Burma Command Headquarters of South East Asia Land Forces.

Described as "Operation Flush" this military campaign against lawlessness in Burma covers three large districts—Pegu, Toungnee and Yamethin—with a total area of about 25,000 square miles.

In command of the operations is Brigadier C. I. Jerard, veteran of the Burma campaign since 1942.

The Burmese contingent of anti-bandit forces is in the charge of Lieutenant Colonel Ne Win, guerrilla leader of the "Burma Patriotic Forces" during the Japanese occupation.

The announcement by Command headquarters said: "Much careful planning has gone into this Army operation. The force has its own field ambulance hospital, mechanical repair troops for motor transport, sappers, mobile wireless and seasoned Army mules to carry supplies and munitions on difficult cross-country patrols."

"The areas have been carefully charted to locate the water holes and wells to ensure an adequate supply for the troops."

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Slum Children

Looters

Hamburg, Mar. 8. Thousands of Hamburg's slum ragamuffins, organised in coal-looting gangs, are making fantastic profits in black market sales of fuel stolen from railway marshalling yards.

The police pick up school-children stuffed with thousands of marks. Other children have been found drunk after celebrating their raids with brandy and champagne parties in cellars.

Ninety per cent of the city's secondary schools and 60 per cent of the elementary schools are closed owing to cold weather and the children are roaming the streets in gangs. They can get huge sums for looted coal.

Among 17,000 looters arrested in February were a former general and other high-ranking ex-officers, a prosecuting attorney, a well-known actress and a clergyman. Readers' letters to the Communist newspaper Volkzeitung accuse even the police of looting.

Tram conductors passing bomb-battered marshalling yards cynically call out: "Passengers for the coal mines alight here."—Reuter.

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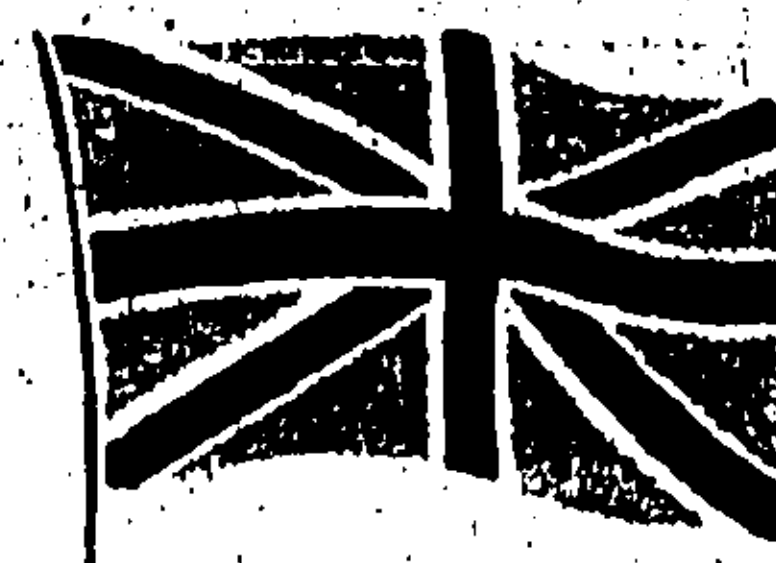
London, Mar. 9. Labour Party leaders confidently predicted today that the Government would win a decisive victory next week after the three-day debate on economic policy.

The debate will end on Wednesday after a vote on a "no confidence" motion submitted by Winston Churchill—a motion which, if carried, would mean the downfall of the Socialist regime of Prime Minister Clement Attlee.—Associated Press.

LINER TO BE REFLOATED

Paris, Mar. 8. An attempt to refloat the Liberté—formerly the crack German liner Europa—now lying in Le Havre harbour, will be made on March 23, weather permitting.

The liner was torn from her moorings and stranded against the bulk of the submerged liner Paris during a storm in Le Havre four months ago.—Reuter.



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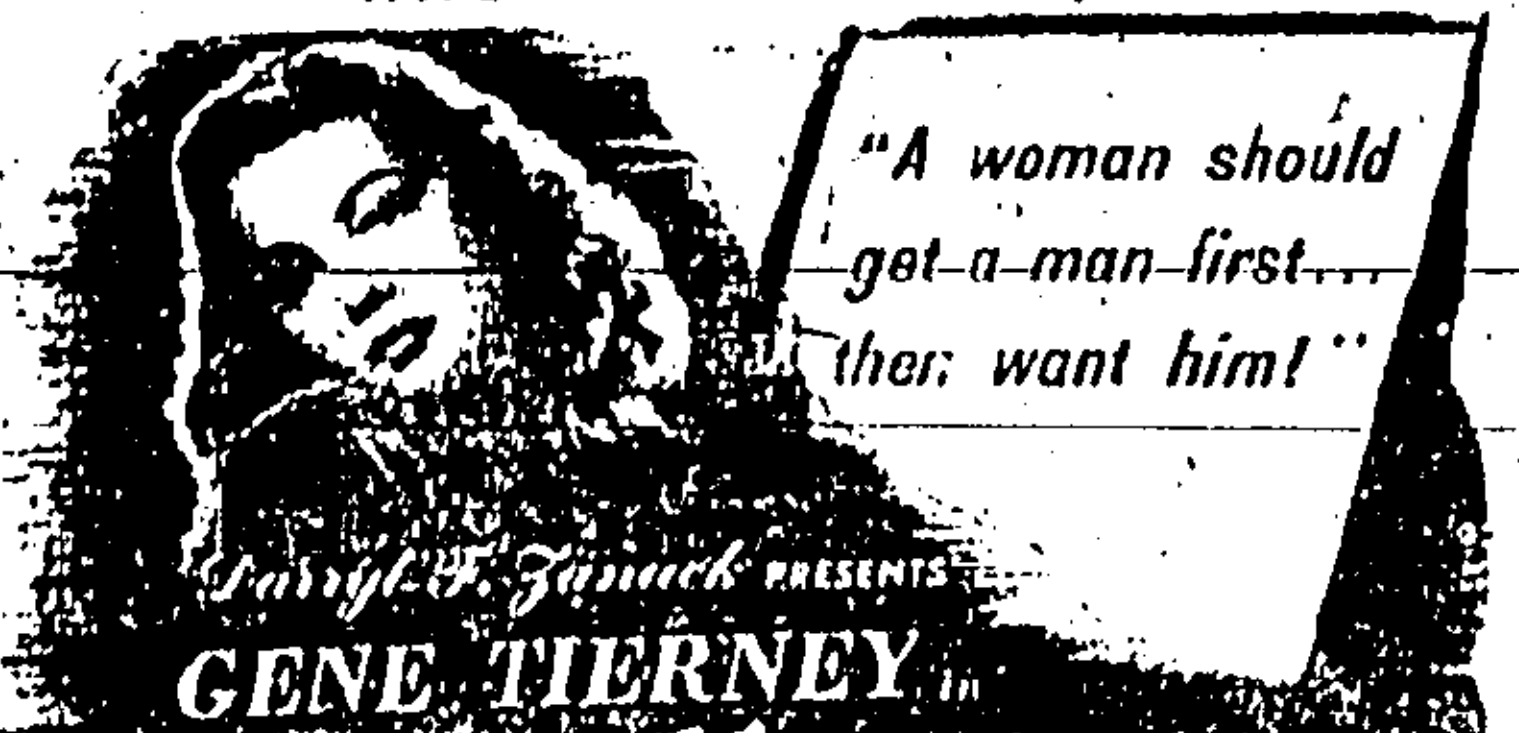
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MOSCOW CONFERENCE ON TREATY FOR GERMANY

(By David Brown)

Moscow, Mar. 8.
 A complete news blackout was clamped down on the Soviet press and radio today with only 48 hours to go to the opening here of the world's most important post-war conference—the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers on Monday to discuss the German and Austrian peace treaties.

Not one of the Moscow morning newspapers carried a word about the conference or about Germany or Austria and the radio, usually prolific in world-wide emissions of news and comment on the future of Germany, also gave the conference a complete miss until it reported the arrival of Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary.

From today's papers readers would never know that the conference was even contemplated, let alone almost upon them. There was no, even a reference to the city's magnificent preparations for the delegations.

During the past week little or nothing has been published about the job of laying host. What is for Moscow a gigantic influx of foreign visitors, has left the local press blankly dumb. The conference will almost certainly be held in the "House of Aviators" which was formerly the aristocratic Yalta restaurant, but no official announcement of this has yet been made.

Intensive preparations have gone on all week. Electric lamps, normally difficult to obtain, have been fitted in profusion in refurbished, newly-decorated buildings to be occupied by the visitors. A fleet of sleek shiny cars for the delegations is lined up outside the Moscow Hotel where the delegations are being housed.

The Metro police, in their new uniforms, lift-bots and bell boys are splendidly attired in high-throated silver-trimmed suits. In the lobby of the Moscow Hotel a corps of English-speaking girl interpreters and information clerks has been assembled by the Society for Cultural Relations.

Bevin Proposals

There is even a small gift shop there, for the purchase of good ranging from pink-wrapped toilet soap and tooth-brushes to Oriental rugs.

The British Foreign Secretary is believed to be coming prepared to add another to his chain of treaties with proposals for a revised Anglo-Soviet alliance, the preliminary modifications of which have been worked out since the exchange of letters with Generalissimo Stalin after the latter's demand for various unspecified weaknesses to be cleared up.

The Russian attitude to the conference, which has been made

clear in press and radio declarations in recent months, appears to be undergoing no variations. The highlights of their programme will be insistence on German demilitarisation and de-massification and relaxation of the charges that the Western Allies are trying to split Germany, maintain her military potential and encourage the growth of Capitalist monopolies.

Moscow, Mar. 8.
 The British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, today arrived here for the big four conference and issued an immediate appeal that the Foreign Ministers make a sound peace "that will let the whole world live in security."

V. M. Molotov, Russian Foreign Minister, who customarily welcomes important personages, was absent. Hands which customarily play the national anthems of Russia and visitors of the country were absent. There was no formal guard of honour on hand.

The lack of these ceremonies aroused immediate comment particularly since the Soviet had turned on all these honours only last week for the visit of the Polish Premier, Jozef Cyrankiewicz.

Soviets Confident

London, Mar. 8.
 The Moscow radio commentary, Mikhailov, today expressed confidence that an agreement may be reached by the Foreign Ministers in Germany despite the present differences.

Reviewing various meetings preceding the Moscow conference, the commentator said the Deputy Ministers had "accomplished a considerable task" and that their success "bears witness" to a possible success at Moscow.

SWILL MERCY MISSION

Oxford, Mar. 9.
 A Royal Air Force transport plane carried a ton of refuse on a "mercy mission" yesterday.

The mail was dropped at an isolated farm to feed 200 pigs left without food for a week by snow blocked roads.—Associated Press.

Paraguay Plot Fails

Asuncion, Mar. 8.
 Sixty people have been arrested here following yesterday's armed attempt to overthrow President Morinigo's Government. This announcement was made by the Paraguayan Ministry of Interior tonight.

The attempt failed completely and quiet prevails everywhere, the communique states. Four people were killed and many wounded.

The Ministry said that the attempt was inspired by Communists and followers of Colonel Rafael Franco, ex-President of Paraguay, who recently returned to Asuncion under political amnesty after ten years in exile.

The plotters attempted to seize the Military College but were repulsed. It was stated. They also planned to kill President Morinigo and other high officials. They had asked for interviews with the President and others which were refused as the applicants were regarded as "suspicious characters."

Rodolfo Gamon, private secretary to the Chief of Police, was killed when the rebels seized the police headquarters from which military forces later ejected them, it was reported. The Chief of Police, Major Rogelio Benitez, was gravely wounded.—Reuter.

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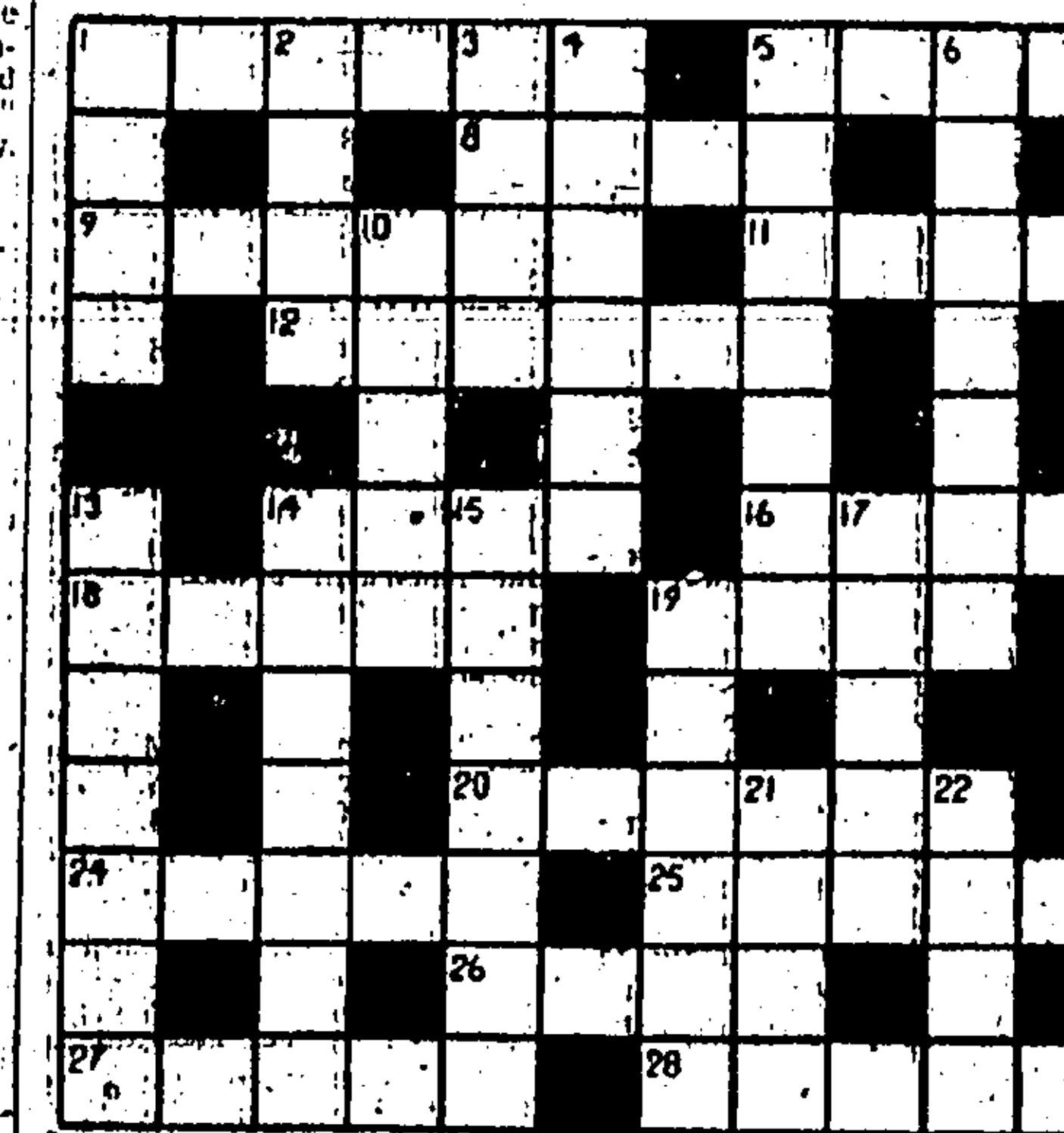
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- Principal character.
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- Utterance.
- Heap.
- Garb.
- John.
- Peruse.
- Knocked sharply.
- Once more.
- Without difficulty.
- Agree.
- Revise.
- Standing.

Clues Down

- In addition.
- Search.
- False.
- Legislative body.
- Local taxes.
- Accumulated.
- Gone by.
- Grime.
- Lady of high rank.
- Colours.
- Signs.
- Arson.
- Scored.
- Deluge.
- Feared.
- Cattle.
- Tenant.
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- Dregs.
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Financial Talks
In London

(By Bernard Hickley)

London, Mar. 8.

The Anglo-Italian financial talks due to commence in London on Monday will start on a note of optimism.

In an interview today, Dr. Donato Menichella, head of the Italian mission and Director of the Bank of Italy, said: "Many problems lie before us but I am confident that we shall overcome them."

Signor Menichella explained that the mission is mainly concerned with the financial settlement of trade relations between Britain and Italy, although there are several other points scheduled for discussion.

Explaining Italy's present trade deficit, Signor Menichella said: "When Allied troops arrived in Italy, all trading facilities were in the hands of the military and the security measures they imposed."

Signor Menichella said that he found conditions in Britain much better than he expected despite rationing in food, fuel and power. "A very dark picture of Britain had been painted for us in Italy but we have now had a pleasant surprise," he said.

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Heavy Loss

Italy tried to resume her foreign trade through old traditional channels which in the past have been mainly Britain and countries in the sterling area, he said, but it was found that the war had cost many of them up.

"Because of this, we have had to turn more and more to dollar areas and the breaking up of these former trade relations can be considered in economic terms as a heavy loss to Italy's economy."

Signor Menichella quoted examples of this. "Our coal used to come from Britain and the Ruhr but we now have to look to other countries, mainly America, for supplies," he said.

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N.Y. Stock
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The stock market reopened its fourth

session today with a mixed

performance. The Dow Jones

Industrial Average closed at

157.84, up 1.34 points from

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Hong Kong Win The Interport

Combining effectively and dictating matters to a great extent, Hong Kong established a firm three-goal half-time lead in their Interport game with Macao at Causeway Bay yesterday — yet they were finally fortunate to win 3-2. Had they lost the game, Hong Kong would have had only themselves to blame, though full credit must be given to Macao for a commendable recovery at a time when it appeared that it would only be a matter of how many goals the home port could score.

Recent rain had made the ground very slippery and, although the damper portions had been sprinkled with sawdust, it was obvious that the conditions underfoot would play a big part in the match. For many Servicemen in the audience, it was an opportunity to see how the Chinese and Portuguese players fare on the muddy rain-soaked grounds so familiar back home.

The first thrill of the game came when a defensive error almost enabled Gosano to open the score for Hong Kong, the ball being deflected for a corner. Lai Shui-wing came into the picture with a neat dribble that forced yet another corner and it came as no surprise when Hong Kong took the lead in less than five minutes. A long centre from Lee Shek-yau swerved into the corner of the net, adding yet another unorthodox goal to the South China wingman's record. Bayes broke away down the middle and, from his return pass, Chau Man-chi hit the crossbar. Continually scheming the openings for his fellow forwards, Lai Shui-wing put the ball right onto the toe of his winger, and Lee Shek-yau was only inches too high with his snap-shot.

The first Macao attack should have brought about the equaliser. Partington slipped on the penalty spot and Carvalho found himself with only Powell to beat. He shot weakly outside.

The visiting forwards were finding it hard to settle down and poor finishing spoiled several promising movements around the centre of the field. Gosano was guilty of the same error, hesitating too long when he had only the goal to beat. Lau Chung-sang was prominent at this stage of the game, wandering on both sides of the pitch and rarely wasting an opportunity of intercepting a pass and starting his own forwards in motion.

Hau Yung-sang disappointed the Macao inside left when the latter looked a likely server and then Carvalho had another chance, only to shoot meekly into Powell's hands. From the subsequent clearance, Eaves scored easily to make the score 2-0.

Perfect Scheming

It was all Hong Kong at this stage of the game with the inside-forwards scheming perfectly and giving an exhibition of forward play that is rarely seen in this class of football.

All eyes were on the Navy centre-forward, Eaves, making his debut as leader of the attack. He was opposed by one of the soundest players on the field, Alex. Airosa, but never gave up trying and deserves more opportunities in representative games.

Partington literally broke up the next Macao attack on his own, clearing three times in quick succession.

At the other end, the whole Hong Kong forward line took part in a movement that culminated in Chau Man-chi smashing the ball against the crossbar with a shot no goal-keeper would have saved.

Powell was equal to all attempts at shooting by the Macao forwards and saved shots from Lopes, Alberto Airosa and Santos with such expert anticipation that the shots looked ludicrous — there is no doubt of Powell's popularity amongst the Chinese. If you listen to the hush when he is brought into action, and the cheers that follow his handling was so safe that it seemed that Hong Kong could dispense with their full-back and still Macao wouldn't beat him if they played all night.

Ball Control

Manuel de Silva was having a busy time at the back but he

had no chance at all with the third goal that must be one of the best registered in local football this season. For ball control of a first surface, it would be hard to better in any class of football. Lai Shui-wing received the ball outside the penalty area and, finding his view of the goal blocked, proceeding to dribble through three defenders and then placed the ball so dexterously that it trickled over the line with the visiting goalkeeper helplessly looking on.

Chau Man-chi beat three opponents on a spexence with a beautiful exhibition of dribbling and then Lau Chung-sang followed him by beating two Macao defenders with a single swerve that even deceived half the spectators!

There was no doubt about the superiority of the Hong Kong team and the local football pundits could well be excused if they told one another that the interval that double-figures were not out of the question before the final whistle blew.

With the exceptions of Casman and Gosano, who were both finding it hard to keep on their feet, the home team were combining extremely well. Carvalho, who resembles "Jack" Dodds in build and style of play, was being "polled" by Partington and his fellow forwards were all finding it difficult to elude the strong home defence.

H.K. Slack Off

Within ten minutes of the resumption it was obvious that Hong Kong had slackened up considerably and they made the repeated mistake of under-estimating their opponents. Resting on their laurels, they engaged in far too much individuality at the expense of team work.

A long clearance by Ramon Ma gave the home defence an anxious moment and Partington was forced to concede a corner which Carvalho free-kick was going in the right direction.

The best shot of the game came when Lee Shek-yau, the best winger on view, hit the ball first time and Ramon Ma headed off the goal-line; within two minutes the left winger fired another first time shot that brought the best from Macao's custodian. The touch-line dribbles of Lee Shek-yau were a delight to watch and it was amazing the force this delicate-looking South China player put behind his shots.

The Macao left winger was left unmarked and made no mistake with his shot that reduced the lead.

"Macao Roar"

It was then that the Macao supporters made their presence felt and, as if in response to the "Macao roar" Macao took all but five minutes with raid after raid that found just reward less than ten minutes later. Carvalho showed Partington a clean pair of heels and gave Powell no chance. Pacheco hit the side netting and on three occasions came within an ace of scoring.

Binding themselves losing their hold on the game, Hong Kong tried hard to make sure of the game in the last few minutes and both goals had narrow escapes in a thrilling climax.

Outstanding in the Macao side were both backs and Airosa centre-half together with Cordeiro.

Teams:

Hong Kong: Powell, Hau Yung-sang, Teo Keng-hung, Lau Shui-wing, Partington, Casman, B. Gosano, Chau Man-chi, Eaves, Lai Shui-wing and Lee Shek-yau.

Macao: Manuel de Silva, Ramon Ma, Lau Hon-san, Nito Botas, Alex. Airosa, American Cordeiro, Henrique Lopes, Alberto Airosa, B. Pacheco, B. Pacheco and Henrique Lopes.

Rugby League Results

London, Mar. 8. The following are the results of the Rugby League Cup, First Round. First Leg: Hull 11 Bramley 3. Leeds 12 Barrow 0. St. Helens 17 Keighley 7. Dewsbury 0 Huddersfield 3. The other first leg match was postponed.

Second Leg: Bell's Vue Rangers 0 Oldham 0. (Oldham eliminated). Hull Kingston Rovers 0 Hunslet 6. Other second leg matches postponed.

Liverpool Stanley 0 Warrington 29. Other Rugby League matches postponed.

Rugby Union results: Cambridge 9 Royal Naval Engineers 5. All other Rugby Union matches, including the International Wales v. Ireland were postponed. — Reuter.

KRAMER, SCHROEDER TO TURN PRO?

New York, Mar. 9. Metropolitan sports writers today predicted that Jack Kramer and second ranking American amateur Ted Schroeder, who together won the Davis Cup from Australia, will shortly turn professional along with American and English women's titles holder Pauline Betz.

The pumps were traced to professional Don Budge who predicted Kramer would immediately become world professional champion by easily defeating pro. title holder Bobby Riggs.

The New York "World Telegram" quoted Betz as admitting she would turn professional for a \$25,000 guarantee, explaining "I have been playing tennis for 14 years. One can't go on forever playing top flight tennis for nothing. Anyway I have had no enthusiasm for the game since winning the Wimbledon and Forest Hills titles last year." — United Press.

BOWLS

The 13 shots defeat suffered by McKelvie's rink at the hands of A. J. Hall's four was mainly responsible for the victory of the "Members" over the "Committee" in a friendly bowls game at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Austin Road, yesterday.

Four down on the 19th head, Guy put up a magnificent play at the last two heads but was unable to do more than tie with McGowan at 10-10.

The full scores were as follows:

Committee Members
W. Greig J. S. Dinnen
F. C. Cleme C. Mottram
G. E. F. Thompson T. C. Allen
S. Randle A. J. Hall
(Skip) 18 (Skip) 21

J. D. S. Duncan C. Gough
L. Sykes L. Whant
J. C. Meyer C. Dowman
J. McKelvie F. H. Shields
(Skip) 20 (Skip) 19

L. Pope J. W. M. Dickson
F. Wilkinson K. C. Hamilton
R. P. Phillips J. Hempsy
J. F. McGowan L. Guy
(Skip) 16 (Skip) 10

Playing on the Kowloon Cricket Club greens at Cox's Path yesterday, Craggower Cricket Club lawn bowlers lost to their hosts by the narrow margin of five shots.

Scores were as follows:

K.C.C. C.C.C.
W. C. Hung J. W. Leonard
T. W. Carr L. C. P. Souza
E. C. Hooper A. E. Coates
F. Goodwin B. W. Bradbury
(Skip) 23 (Skip) 17

A. A. Raczak T. W. Lee
C. W. Lam W. J. Keates
E. C. Hooper T. Madar
J. B. Landolt (Skip) 23 (Skip) 19

H. Gilling H. Bass
W. Bailey O. E. Ladd
C. W. Hooper U. M. Omer
M. R. Kishan (Skip) 15 (Skip) 21

Topsy-Turvy Soccer Results At Home

London, Mar. 8. Results were topsy-turvy in the much-curtailed first-class Soccer programme today which was cut down, through snow and ice, to seventeen Football League matches out of 44. The postponement of 27 games represented the worst set back ever suffered by Football League clubs in a normal season.

Players skidded yards and were often robbed of goals by the ball stopping dead in slush or pools of water. Some clubs played on snow, others cleared it. In places stakes were driven into the thawing turf to help drain it.

No League club, however, thought of the brain wave which made the Football Combination Cup Game at Portsmouth between Portsmouth Reserves and Reading Reserves possible. There steam jets were used to melt patches of ice.

The shock of the day was the overthrow of Cardiff City, Third Division Southern Section leaders and prospective champions, at the hands of the Rovers at Bristol. Cardiff's first League defeat for nearly five months could, hardly be blamed on ground conditions which were much better than in many places.

Shock For Cardiff
A record crowd of 30,417 for the Bristol Rovers match saw the home team record their fifth successive win and inflict the Welshmen their first reverse in the League since Sept. 18. The only goal of the match was scored by Carr after 26 minutes. Cardiff fought back but their forwards were unable to settle down against the first class tackling of the Rovers' half-backs.

Queens Park Rangers, who had almost given up hope of catching Cardiff, at the top of the table, will entertain a little optimism after their success today. Six points separate the clubs.

At the top of the First Division matters went too well for Wolverhampton Wanderers at Ayracres Park. Middlesbrough took the lead early in the second half through Dobbie, their local inside-right, playing in his second senior game, and not until the closing minutes were the Wolves able to break through for Westcott to snatch a point.

"Double" Chances
Liverpool enhanced their chances of a League and Cup double with a victory over luckless Blackburn Rovers which placed Liverpool into second place.

The leading positions in the First Division are now Wolverhampton 42 points from 29 games, Liverpool and Middlesbrough 38 points from 30 games, Blackpool 35 from 33 games.

Leeds, with 16 points from 29 games, are at the bottom of the table, with Brentford, 20 points from 28 games and Huddersfield 20 from 29 games, just above them.

In the only Second Division match played, Tottenham Hotspur yielded a point to Fulham after holding the lead for an hour. Stephens, the Swindon Town forward, did the hat trick in his club's 5-1 win at Torquay.

The Third Division Northern Section leaders, Doncaster Rovers recorded another emphatic win, this time against the improved Darlington.

Rochdale also scored five in this section against Hull, a team handicapped for most of the game by an injury to Brown, their centre-half. Fair weather in most places brought good attendances. Liverpool topped the gates with a few hundred short of 50,000 and altogether 17 English League matches drew an aggregate of 335,104.

Scottish Cup
Two goals in the last five minutes by Hibernian put the Rangers out of the Scottish Cup. The match was watched by 50,000, an all-time crowd that overflowed onto the touch-line at Easter Road, Edinburgh.

Extra time seemed likely when brilliant forward play let Ormond, through 14 score a great goal from 18 yards. Three minutes from the end Gordon Smith scored a second. Extra time was necessary for the other Edinburgh, Celtic, who drew 2-2 with Rangers in the first leg.

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No More Midweek Sports?

London, Mar. 9. The Government will consider on Tuesday whether to stop mid-week sports events to further its "work or perish" campaign.

Such a ban would affect the coming Joe Baski-Woodcock heavy weight boxing match; the Grand National Steeplechase; and might even bring about the cancellation of the All-England Wimbledon Tennis Championships and International Walker Cup Golf matches.

Even the 1948 Olympics might be hit if any such ban should be extended long enough.

The Government has announced tentative fuel rationing for "two or three years".

A guess in sports circles is that the ban, if decided upon, would go into effect on March 17 and continue for two years. — Associated Press.

Interport Dinner

The everlasting gratitude of Hong Kong to Macao for the sanctuary which the latter afforded refugees from the Colony during the extreme trying years of the Pacific War was expressed by Mr. Arthur Morse, President of the Hong Kong Football Association, at a dinner given in honour of the visiting Macao Interport Team at the Gloucester Hotel last night.

Mr. Morse was extending a welcome to the Macao team on their first post-war visit to Hong Kong. He said that although the people of Hong Kong were naturally glad to have won the could assure the Macao team that they were all heartily hoping to see that teaming goal.

Mr. Morse paid high tribute to the fine sporting spirit in which the game had been played.

He expressed the hope that when conditions became more settled and communication between Hong Kong and Macao returned to something like normal, consideration would be given to the possibility of at least one Macao team taking part in the Hong Kong Premier League and other competitions. He hoped to see such an ambition fulfilled before he left the Colony.

Replying for Macao, Mr. P. Garcia expressed thanks for the hospitality extended to the Macao team and hoped that when the Hong Kong team visited Macao next year, they would be able to reciprocate this.

No Reflection
The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro congratulated the Macao team on its very creditable performance and said that although the stands were not as full as expected, this was no reflection on their popularity.

"Obviously, most folk were at home laying plans for the evasion of income tax," said Mr. d'Almada amid much laughter.

Mr. d'Almada expressed the attitude of Hong Kong to Macao for the kindness shown during the years of the Pacific War and said that Macao always felt proud of the fact that during those dark years it was the only place along the China Coast where the Union Jack was kept flying.

Following short addresses by the respective Captains, the Hong Kong and Macao flags were exchanged to resounding applause.

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Associated Press.

Macao's Future Is Not At Issue

Shanghai, Mar. 9. "I am not able at this date to say what will be the future of Portuguese Macao, but I do not believe that there is any question of issue in this connection. To my mind nothing has occurred even to bring Macao within the sphere of international consideration."

The new Portuguese Minister to China, Doctor Joao de Barros Ferreira de Fonseca, declared here today, in the course of which he also said that Portuguese India would not be affected by the British withdrawal from British India before June next year.

There was no similarity between the two questions and the Portuguese Indians of Goa had expressed no wish to secede from the Portuguese empire, the Minister declared. Portuguese subjects throughout the world, he added, were loyal and preferred to remain so. He thought Macao came within this category.

Dr. Fonseca said he had been told of disturbed conditions in the East. He felt this was a natural state of affairs following a war which had engulfed the world. In this respect the East was no different to the West where, he said, conditions were also in a state of chaos.

"Of course I am very happy to be in China," he said, in reply to a question on his first impressions of the country. "I have not been here long enough to be able to say very much, but it is apparent that the people are suffering and a man placed in a diplomatic position can only wish that a venerable country like China will soon emerge from these terrible dark times into a brighter era of prosperity and peace."

He declared that Portugal had applied to the United Nations for membership on two previous occasions but both attempts were opposed by Russia. Portugal would make a third attempt soon, but he doubted if Russia's attitude would have changed by then.

Apparent Wealth
The Minister painted a picture of a Portugal flowing with money, but, paradoxically living on rations and with unemployment rising steadily. He said there were striking evidences of apparent wealth but the mere presence of money in a greater degree than ever before was hardly an indicator of real prosperity.

Dr. Fonseca denied that the Government of Dr. Antonio Oliveira de Salazar was heading for a collapse or that there had been any move to oust him in the recent past.

He declared that nothing had occurred to alter Portugal's traditional friendship with Britain. The alliance still stands; it survived the war extremely well, he declared.

Because of it, and it alone, the Azores were made available to Great Britain and, later, other Allies. Portugal, he said, did not enter into any definite agreement with the United States over the Azores. It was with Britain alone that the agreement was signed. — Reuter.

Ship Fire Inquiry
New York, Mar. 8. Maritime Commission officials today opened an inquiry into the fire which broke out yesterday in the former Swedish 16,622-ton liner John Ericsson, taken over by the United States in 1941 as a troopship and later used as an American soldiers' bride ship.

Officials estimated the damage at \$1,500 and considered that it would take several months to repair the wrecked promenade deck and superstructure.

The vessel developed a slight list to starboard as a result of the tons of water poured aboard but officials said she would return to an even keel after the water had been drained off.

A United States Lines representative said the 450 passengers who had booked their passage in the John Ericsson would be transferred to the 12,420-ton liner Marine Mariner due to sail on Monday.

Rumours of overtures by Swedish interests for the purchase of the Ericsson were denied by Maritime Commission and State Department officials in Washington. — Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 9. The White House announced today that Margaret Truman's radio debut has been postponed until March 16 because of a severe attack of laryngitis. — Associated Press.

Lyons, Mar. 8. Mme. N. Landry of France won the women's singles title in the International lawn tennis championships here today, beating Mme. C. Boegner of France by 6-0 6-2, in the final. — Reuter.

Arcadia, Calif., Mar. 9. On Trust won the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby by three-fourths of a length over L. Sicks. Tropical Sea was third. — Associated Press.

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